Tennessee Consolidated Retirement
System (TCRS)
Hybrid Pension Plan
with Cost Controls

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## Hybrid Pension Plan with Cost Controls



# **Applicable to New Hires Only Upon Adoption**

- Defined Benefit
  - 1% formula
  - Eligibility to retire: Rule of 90 or age 65 and vested
  - Employee contribution rate: 5.0%
  - Employer contribution rate: 4.0%
  - Right to freeze, suspend, or modify benefits, employee contributions, plan terms, and design prospectively. Accrued benefits will not be affected.
- Defined Contribution
  - 5% employer contribution made to an employee's account and not subject to any matching employee contribution
  - Auto-enrollment for employees of 2% contribution, with opt-out feature

#### **Cost Controls**

- Maximum Employer Contribution Rate toward both plans:
   9% of payroll (i.e., 4% to DB plan and 5% to DC plan)
- Actuarial valuation establishes employer contribution rate for the DB plan
  - If DB employer rate exceeds 4% or if target unfunded liabilities are exceeded, automatically adjust benefits in the following sequence:
    - Utilize Stabilization Reserve Account (if available)
    - Reduce or suspend the maximum 3% COLA
    - Shift DC employer contributions to DB plan
    - Increase employee contributions to DB plan by 1%
    - Reduce future service accrual (below 1%)
    - Freeze plan
  - If cost to state is below target percentage of payroll and unfunded liabilities, then benefits and accrual will be restored to target levels prospectively

#### **Legacy Plan**

- Defined Benefit
  - 1.575% benefit formula
  - Eligibility to retire:
    - Service Retirement
      - Age 60 and vested or 30 years of service
    - Early Retirement
      - Age 55 with 10 years of service

#### **Hybrid Plan**

- Defined Benefit
  - 1.0% benefit formula
  - Eligibility to retire:
    - Service retirement
      - Rule of 90 or age 65 with 5 years of service
    - Early retirement
      - Rule of 80 or age 60 with 5 years of service

#### **Legacy Plan**

- Defined Benefit
  - Employee contributions of 5% for teachers and 0% for State employees
  - Employer contribution determined by actuary Changes cannot be made to benefit structure

#### **Hybrid Plan**

- Defined Benefit
  - 5% employee contribution
  - Employer contribution rate:4%
  - Right to freeze, suspend, or modify benefits, employee contributions, plan terms, and design prospectively

#### **Legacy Plan**

- Defined Contribution
  - Optional contributions to Defined Contribution plan

#### **Hybrid Plan**

- Defined Contribution
  - 5% employer contribution made to an employee's account and not subject to any matching employee contribution
  - 2% auto-enrollment for employees with opt-out feature

# Selected Summary Income Replacement Ratios



	\$30,000 AFC		\$50,000 AFC		\$70,000 AFC	
	Benefit	% of Final Salary	Benefit	% of Final Salary	Benefit	% of Final Salary
Based on 30 years of Service and Retirement at Age 60 (excludes Social Security because not age eligible yet)						
Current TCRS Plan	14,175	43.8%	23,625	43.8%	33,075	43.8%
1% DB plan, 2% EE to DC, 5% ER to DC	15,038	46.4%	25,064	46.4%	35,090	46.4%
Based on 35 years of Service and Retirement at Age 60 (excludes Social Security because not age eligible yet)						
Current TCRS Plan	16,538	51.0%	27,563	51.0%	38,588	51.0%
1% DB plan, 2% EE to DC, 5% ER to DC	18,380	56.7%	30,634	56.7%	42,888	56.7%
Based on 35 years of Service and Retirement at Age 65 (includes Social Security )						
Current TCRS Plan	26,798	82.7%	42,125	78.0%	56,174	74.3%
1% DB plan, 2% EE to DC, 5% ER to DC	29,639	91.5%	46,860	86.8%	62,784	83.0%
Based on 35 years of Service and Retirement at Age 57 (excludes Social Security because not age eligible yet)						
Current TCRS Plan	16,538	51.0%	27,563	51.0%	38,588	51.0%
1% DB plan, 2% EE to DC, 5% ER to DC	17,924	55.3%	29,875	55.3%	41,825	55.3%

# Selected Summary Income Replacement Ratios (cont'd)



# Replacement Income Ratios for Hybrid Plan with Cost Controls

### Age 65 Retirement with 35 Years of Service

Average Final Compensation	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$70,000
TCRS Hybrid with Cost Controls	\$19,379	\$32,297	\$45,216
Social Security	10,260	14,562	17,568
Total	\$29,639	\$46,859	\$62,784
Replacement Income Ratio	91.5%	86.8%	83.0%

TCRS Hybrid Plan with Cost Controls Assumptions:

- 1% DB plan accrual rate
- 2% Employee contribution to DC plan
- 5% Employer contribution to DC plan
- 6% Investment earnings for DC plan
- Replacement income ratio based on final salary
- Social Security calculated at 75% of normal formula



# A Resolution is Required to Adopt the Hybrid Plan with Cost Controls

TCRS will provide guidance and documentation in assisting a local governmental with this process.